(vii) To assess and evaluate the purchase and import procedures of C-DOT and the actual purchases and imports undertaken consequently.

(viii) To assess the reported brain drain from C-DOT and to suggest measures including possible incentives for retaining the existing researchers.

(ix) To suggest a strategy for speeding up indigenous development of MAX and other public switching systems for Data Facsimile and Video transmission.

(x) To suggest a plan for meeting the demand for such exchanges which will thereby fulfil the growing demands for telephone connections and telematic services from the public.

(xi) To suggest a technology-based plan for redeploying several thousands of employees of Indian Telephone Industries at Rai Bareilly and Bangalore Units who are fast becoming redundant as a result of the phasing out of the production of electro-mechanical exchanges and in the light of delays in the availability of C-DOT MAX for commercial production.

3. The Committee may seek the help of any other personnel or agencies in the discharge of its assignment. The report of the Committee is to be submitted by the 28th February, 1990.

4. The non-official members of the Committee would be entitled to travelling allowances as per Ministry of Finance O.M. No. F. 6(26)-E. IV/59 dated 5-9-1960 as amended from time to time and other facilities necessary for carrying out the assignment.

Harijan Welfare Board, Delhi Administration

1897. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 1276 and 39 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1985 and 23rd February, 1988 respectively and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Harijan Welfare Board had been functioning under the Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi Administration ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Board has been converted into Directorate of Welfare for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Delhi Administration ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the staff of the Board was absorbed in the said Directorate ;

(d) whether Secretary of the Directorate has been appointed from outside affecting promotional avenues of the staff ;

(e) whether the post of Inspector (SC/ST) is still ex-cadre with no prospects of promotion to higher post commensurate with qualification and experience ; and

(f) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard and by when the same is likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. A separate Directorate for Welfare of SC/ST came into existence in 1983 and the Harijan Welfare Board is functioning under this Directorate.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The post is ex-cadre but has promotion avenues.

(f) Question does not arise.